

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the threaded connection is a multi-start threaded connection.

Claims 1- 30 are presented for examination.

In response to the requirement to elect one species, Applicant elects Species III (Figs. 11 – 14). Claims 1, 2, 4 - 6, 8, 14, 16 - 20, 22, 24 - 28 and 30 read on the elected species.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 16 - 19, 22, 24 - 27 and 30 are generic to all of the disclosed species. It is believed that these claims are allowable and, therefore, all of the claims in the application, irrespective of the species to which they are directed, are allowable.

The patent number for the Great Britain patent was inadvertently omitted when the application was initially filed. This Preliminary Amendment corrects the filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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